BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

OAH CASE NO. 2014040515

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING MEDIATION, PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DUE PROCESS HEARING DATES

On April 28, 2014, the parties jointly filed a request to continue the dates in this matter. No previous continuance has been granted.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Mediation: May 27, 2014 at 9:30 AM Prehearing Conference: June 16, 2014 at 10:00 AM

Due Process Hearing: June 24, 26, and 26, 2014, at 9:30 AM, and

continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative

Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: April 28, 2014

CHARLES MARSON
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings